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Sir:

Enclosed is an English language version of the International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER"). Referring to item 2, the IPER does not include any annexes. However, to more completely comply with the duty of disclosure, the reasoned statement under Article 35 (2) provides an explanation of relevancy regarding Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 54-119837 and 62-46368.

If there any questions regarding the English language IPER, such questions can be addressed by telephone to the undersigned.

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